

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JULY 27, 2004

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met July 27, 2004, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Father Tom Ryan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Scott Arnold was absent. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent*.

CONSENT AGENDA – Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and Place on file the minutes of the July 13, 2004 meeting
2. 5a Accept the committee report to set a bid opening for August 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for asphalt projects C40 319 & C40 328
3. 5b Accept and place on file the public works annual report
4. 6 Approve the amusement license for the Grand Island Saddle Club
5. 8 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Semi Annual Report
6. 9 Accept and place on file the Hall county Treasurer's report on delinquent personal property taxes, accelerated taxes and delinquent real property taxes
7. 15 Accept and place file Regional Planning communications
8. 23 Accept and place on file the office report from the Register of Deeds
9. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
10. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

### OFFICE REPORT REGISTER OF DEEDS JUNE 2004

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 8,161.45
RECORDING FEES	21,740.00
PHOTO FEES	543.10

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation.

Kurt Brandt, with the UFCW Local 22 requested to speak to the County Board. He questioned if the board members were aware of the letters that the union had sent to the attorney representing the board. This letter was requesting a meeting with the attorney and the union to discuss the differences. The union unanimously rejected the contract.

Lancaster stated that the committee is in receipt of the communications. Mr. Brandt questioned who will respond? Lancaster that this could not be discussed in an open meeting and any information would come through the attorney.

Mr. Brandt stated that they have had a good working relationship in the past were able to discuss the differences and reach a decision. He expressed concern on what happened this year and why did they bring in an outside interest. He has never experienced this type of negotiation with only two meetings and then the contract was imposed. He would expect to receive a response from the letters.

Hartman questioned when the letters were sent out before or after the vote on the contract. Lancaster stated that she will provide the information to the board members.

Kay Pence with the CWA, public works department requested to talk to the board. She stated that she also sent communications to the attorney and questioned if they would receive a response. She stated that these were the most disrespectful negotiations that she had ever participated in. They could have worked together, but there was no caring for the bargaining unit. Their input was not taken seriously.

Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

4. COUNTY TREASURER DORIS MASON – DISCUSSION ON SETTLEMENT FROM SAFETY CLEAN CORP. REGARDING 2002 REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES – County Treasurer Doris Mason provided information to the board concerning a request for a settlement on personal and real estate taxes for Safety Klean. They are offering to settle for 40 cents on the dollar which would be \$1,957.80 on the taxes on the two properties. Ms. Mason stated that usually in a bankruptcy the interest is not computed and they do not offer to settle like this. This is normally handled through bankruptcy court. The personal property taxes are currently on the strike-off list. Ms. Mason stated that she has sent this information to County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz but has not received a reply.

Eriksen stated that there needs to be a legal opinion on this issue. Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to table this matter and ask for an opinion from the County Attorney. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ON THE KENO APPLICATIONS – Lancaster questioned the board members on the process that they want to follow concerning the keno applications. Eriksen stated that he feels that the applications provide sufficient information that he could make a decision. Lancaster also stated that she felt the information was sufficient. Jeffries stated that he has looked at them and maybe since the board has always had the presentations in the past maybe they should continue to do so. He stated that the

board still needs to meet to review them. Lancaster stated she enjoys meeting with the applicants.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to hold a work study session to go over the keno applications and do not require presentations.

Hartman stated that he would like to have them come in but he is a loner. Eriksen stated that when the board has the people come in for 3 or 4 hours they have to hurry to make decisions. This will allow the board more time for consideration. Rye stated that the applications provide enough information and he did not feel that he gains any more information from the presentations. This will allow more time for consideration.

The vote on the motion was taken, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Arnold was absent. Motion carried.

Lancaster reminded the board members about the noon luncheon with the Hall County Housing Authority.

**16 COMMECNE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT** – The board members reviewed the claims. Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the bi-weekly pay claims and the regular claims. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** – Hartman – He attended the Mid Nebraska Individual Services meeting and the Mid Plains board meeting last night. He stated that the staff secure building will have to be closed if they do not fix it up. They have until September 1<sup>st</sup> to correct some problems.

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He attended the Region III meeting and they will be receiving another grant in the amount of \$800,000.00 that is a youth program. He did not bring the specific information on this grant with him. Mid Plains will receive the grant money because they were the only one that applied. He also discussed the issue of the staff secure building with Chuck Kaufman.

Rye – no report

Jeffries – He had a personnel committee meeting and he also talked to Chuck Kaufman concerning the staff secure building issue. This has been sent to the County Attorney but there has not been a response from him. This does need to be addressed because they only have 30 days.

Lancaster – She stated she spends most of her time in the board of equalization meetings and has also been involved in the staff secure building issue. Hartman expressed concern on the chillers in the building and the repairs that are needed. The board needs to have a recommendation from the County Attorney and bring this back in two weeks.

NEW OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting recessed until noon for the Hall County Housing Authority lunch. The next meeting will be August 10, 2004.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk